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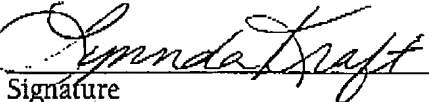
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May, 3, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks. No issues not previously considered by the Examiner are raised herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.